

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

New Lothrop Board of Education

Monday, July 20, 2015

6:00 p.m. in the High School Library

Board Members Present: Stacie Krupp, Curt Bitterman, Greg Ruddy, Adam Green, Richard White, Kevin Birchmeier and Jessica Unangst

Absent: Michelle Barrett and Craig Atkins

Others Present: Anthony Berthiaume, Stephanie O'Dea and 7 visitors

The meeting was called to order by President Stacie Krupp at 6:03 p.m. in the high school library. The pledge to the flag was said.

Secretary's Report

Motion by Ruddy, supported by Unangst, to approve the minutes for the Board Workshop dated June 16, 2016.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Correspondence

None

Presentations/Updates

Mike Grady from Gracon Services discussed areas of wireless connection that needed updating. A wireless survey was completed while school was in session to measure signal strengths in the buildings for access points. The goal of the updates is to keep high access point speeds. Although the Board will approve the full cost of the project, the District will receive a 60% rebate which will be reimbursed to the Technology Bond. A Technology Bond budget update was suggested by the Board.

Committee Reports

Personnel/Curriculum – Reported by Curt Bitterman.

Visitors

No visitors addressed the Board.

Financial Reports

Adam Green read the financial report and presented the following bills for payment:

General fund, \$637,205.86; school service, \$17,356.05; for a total of \$654,561.91.

Motion by Bitterman, supported by Birchmeier to approve payment of bills.

Motion carried, 7-0.

The monthly financial report was read as follows: Beginning balance, \$1,049,290.27; receipts, \$682,969.21; expenditures: \$654,561.91; for an ending balance of \$1,077,697.57.

Motion by Ruddy, supported by Unangst to accept the monthly financial report as submitted.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Action Items

Motion by Unangst, supported by Green to approve meeting dates as the third Monday of each month beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Ruddy to designate Fifth Third Bank, serving the Michigan Liquid Assets Funds accounts, and First Merit Savings Bank of Flint and New Lothrop as the depositories for school funds and the officers of the Board be authorized for official signatures of record.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Green, supported by Bitterman to place Thrun Law Firm on retainer as legal counsel for the school district for 2015-2016.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Bitterman, supported by Unangst to approve a levy of 18 mills of non-homestead properties for the general fund for the 2015-2016 school year.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Ruddy, supported by Green to approve a levy of 7.17 mills for debt retirement and 0.75 mills for the Technology Bond for the 2015-2016 school year

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Birchmeier to exercise the Choice option under Section 1284 of the Revised School Code for the 2015-2016 school year to have at least 1098 hours of pupil instruction.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Green, supported by Ruddy to hire Barb Andres as a High School English Teacher at Step 5 BA+18, beginning with the 2015-2016 school year.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Green to hire Stephanie Mahoney as an Elementary Teacher at Step 1 BA, beginning with the 2015-2016 school year.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Bitterman, supported by Birchmeier to approve the State Aid Operating Notes Resolution as presented.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Ruddy, supported by Green to accept the retirement of Paula Kopchitz, Custodian, effective September 30, 2015.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Bitterman, supported by Ruddy to hire Gracon Services, Inc., to perform wireless upgrades at a cost not to exceed \$26,795.00 for the elementary building to be paid out of the Technology Bond as presented. *(full amount of rebate not included)*

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Bitterman, supported by Birchmeier to hire Gracon Services, Inc., to perform wireless upgrades at a cost not to exceed \$46,814.33 to be paid out of the Technology Bond as presented. *(full amount of rebate not included)*

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Green, supported by Birchmeier to accept the resignation of Paul Buchtel, Industrial Arts Teacher, effective July 1, 2015.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Birchmeier to approve the School Bond Qualification and Loan Resolution as presented.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Presentation and Updates

Ed Bennett, Maintenance Supervisor, updated the Board on the recent installation of the gym lights in the high school. Currently the project is 98% complete. The District will receive a \$10,368.00 rebate from Consumers Energy. The annual savings projection is approximately \$5,000.

Superintendent, Anthony Berthiaume, reported the tentative AdvancEd schedule has been set. The Board was asked to review the timetable and try to plan their schedules accordingly for the upcoming visit this October. A plan of action for updates to the website was also discussed.

Motion by Bitterman, supported by Birchmeier, to enter Executive Session to discuss negotiations.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Executive session was entered by 6:55 p.m.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Bitterman to adjourn.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Adjournment at 8:04 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be a Board Workshop on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Gregory E Ruddy, Board Secretary
New Lothrop Board of Education